

Treasure Chest Environmental Print and the Letter Wall Letter Wall Alphabet Games

Alphabet games help children begin to notice that:

- Letters are different from each other.
- Each letter has a “special” name and shape.
- Each letter has a “special” sound.
- Each letter has an upper- and lowercase form.
- Some lowercase letters look just like the uppercase letters, and some look different.

Try some of these Letter Wall alphabet games in your classroom! Feel free to adapt them in any creative way you’d like.

Game 1 - Grab Bag

Put a few letters in a bag. Have a child reach into the bag and grab a letter. The child must then find the letter on the Letter Wall.

Game 2 - In the Spotlight

Call out a letter. Children spotlight that letter by shining a flashlight on it. (This could be done using names or words too.)

Game 3 - Sing and Stop

Begin singing the alphabet song. Stop at various points in the song and let children provide the letter and point to it on the Letter Wall.

Example: “A B C D E F G...” You stop singing here and children must provide the letter *h*. Have a child point to the letter *h* on the Letter Wall. Continue singing: “I J K L M N O P...” Stop singing again, have children provide the letter *q*, and have a child point to that letter on the Letter Wall.

Game 4 - I Spy

Have the children find letters with the same shapes:

- “I spy letters with tails.” Children might point to the letters *g*, *j*, *q*, and *y*.
- “I spy letters with dots.” Children might point to the letters *i* and *j*.
- “I spy letters with circles.” Children might point to the letters *a*, *b*, *d*, *g*, *O*, *o*, *p*, *Q*, and *q*.